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- Applicant must provide legible text for the following item(s).
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- Applicant must provide missing information on the following page(s) of the specification by amending the specification to add the missing text. No new matter may be added.
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- Applicant has submitted a DECLARATION (37 CFR 1.63) FOR A UTILITY OR DESIGN APPLICATION USING AN APPLICATION DATA SHEET (37 CFR 1.76) (e.g., form PTO/SB/01A). The Application Data Sheet, however, is not present with the filed application. Applicant must submit an Application Data Sheet or file a new oath or declaration (e.g., PTO/SB/01) executed by the inventors and containing the information required in 37 CFR 1.63.
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- There is a hole or the image thereof within the illustration. FIG(s)
- The illustration is penetrated or traversed by a solid or broken line that is not intended to be part of the drawing, such as a dark line caused by a flaw in the copying process. FIG(s)
- An ink stamp or the image thereof obscures part of the illustration. FIG(s) 18
- The drawing is marred by black smudges, obliterations, or fax/copier marks (for example, speckles or dots in a substantial portion of the drawing). FIG(s)
- Figure numbers are duplicated or missing. FIG(s)
- Drawing sheet or figure is missing. FIG(s)
- Numbers, letters, or reference characters in the drawing have been crossed out or are illegibly handwritten. FIG(s)
- The character of the lines, numbers, and letters is poor. FIG(s)
- The drawing's background shows that the original drawing was made on graph paper or other paper with a pattern or decoration. FIG(s)
- The FIG. number label is placed in a location that causes the drawing to be read upside down. FIG(s)
- Data, a reference number, or part of the drawing is truncated or missing, or a lead line has no reference number. FIG(s) 4
- The drawing and/or the FIG. label contain(s) foreign language. FIG(s)
- This utility application contains a photograph of a view that is capable of being illustrated as a line drawing. FIG(s)
- A petition under 37 CFR 1.84(a)(2) to accept color drawings has been granted, but the brief description of the drawings in the specification does not contain (or has not been amended to contain) the paragraph required by 37 CFR 1.84(a)(2)(iii).
- This reissue application contains amended drawings that are not labeled as "Amended" as required by 37 CFR 1.173(b)(3). FIG(s)
- OTHER:
- COMMENTS:

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**DRAWINGS AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS
IN NON-COMPLIANCE WITH 37 CFR 1.84(u)(1)**

37 CFR 1.84(u)(1) states, “The different views must be numbered in consecutive Arabic numerals, starting with 1 ... Partial views intended to form one complete view, on one or several sheets, must be identified by the same number followed by a capital letter. View numbers must be preceded by the abbreviation ‘FIG.’”

Other methods of identification are improper, including Roman numerals (FIG. I, FIG. II, etc.) and alphabetic characters (FIG. A, FIG. B, etc.). Abbreviations and words other than “FIG.” (“Illustration, 1” “Diagram 2,” “Photo 3,” etc.) are improper.

- Applicant must submit drawings that number the views using consecutive Arabic numerals.
- Applicant must amend the brief description of the drawings on Page(s) of the specification to show consecutive Arabic numerals.

NOTE: Applicant is advised that the detailed description may voluntarily be amended to identify the drawings by Arabic numerals.

- The drawing is continued onto a second page (or more) without proper labeling under 37 CFR 1.84(u)(1). FIG(s) 10**
- Applicant must submit drawings on which the view numbers are preceded by the abbreviation “FIG.”
- Applicant must amend the brief description of the drawings on Page(s) of the specification to show view numbers preceded by the abbreviation “FIG.”

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